



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, January 27, 2015, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were present: Chairman Marc Laino, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce. Staff members Domenic Di Cera, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve racing officials for 2015 for Fairmount Park, Inc. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the spring stakes schedule for 2015 for Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Arlington International Racecourse, LLC to change three race days in September 2015 from Sundays to Thursdays after Labor Day. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park.

Commissioner Byrne moved to approve a request by Arlington International Racecourse, LLC to initiate rulemaking to amend Board rule 1413.144 (Coupled as Entry). Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park.

Chairman Laino moved to defer to a future meeting, a request by Board staff to initiate rulemaking to amend Board rule 1318.90 (Use of the Whip). Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the following purse recapture certification payable on a prorated daily basis, as recommended by Board staff:

Arlington Park - \$4,242,698
Hawthorne Race Course - \$2,598,999
Fairmount Park Thoroughbred - \$1,774,120
Fairmount Park Colt Fund - \$48,414
Balmoral Park - \$2,085,075
Maywood Park - \$2,858,804

Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. Glen Berman and Michael Campbell appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. David McCaffrey and Tony Somone appeared on behalf of the

Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. Extensive discussion ensued.

Commissioner Byrne moved to approve the following amendment:

Arlington Park - \$4,242,698 payable on a prorated daily basis;
Hawthorne Race Course - \$2,598,999 payable on a prorated daily basis;
Fairmount Park Thoroughbred - \$1,774,120 payable on a prorated daily basis;
Fairmount Park Colt Fund - \$48,414 payable on a prorated daily basis;
Balmoral Park - \$2,085,075 payable November 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 on a prorated daily basis;
and
Maywood Park - \$2,858,804 payable November 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 on a prorated daily basis.

Commissioner Schiewe seconded the motion. Bill McKenna, Randy Olech, and William "Duke" Johnston appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. Extensive discussion ensued. The amendment passed by a vote of 6 to 1. Commissioner Mulder voted against the motion.

Commissioner Sronce's original motion, including the amendment, passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Representatives of Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. presented a report on their financial status and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Bill McKenna, Randy Olech, William "Duke" Johnston, and Chad Gettleman appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. Tim Carey and Michael Murray appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park.

Chairman Laino moved to approve the following amendment to paragraph 55 of the 2015 Dates Order: Upon presentation to Board staff, a written and executed agreement between the organization licensees, on a schedule of an accelerated pari-mutuel settlement process involving Coast to Coast Food Service, Ltd. and the organization licensees. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 7 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 Board meeting. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0. Commissioners Lunt and Mulder abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:40 p.m., Commissioner Mulder motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera
Interim Executive Director